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SUBJECT: US-USSR OCEAN COOPERATION-POLYMODE 06.0201 -  
TRAVEL OF ROBERT MILLARD

REF: MOSCOW 12530

1. MILLARD'S VISIT WOULD TAKE PLACE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE WORLD OCEANS AGREEMENT PROJECT 06.0201 (POLYMODE). MILLARD IS A TECHNICIAN AND THE PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT WOULD BE TO MAKE PREPARATIONS FOR THE POLYMODE INTERCOMPARISON CRUISE SCHEDULED IN OCTOBER. SPECIFICALLY HE IS TO CHECK THE COMPATIBILITY OF MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS ABOARD THE VERNADSKY WITH US EQUIPMENT TO BE INSTALLED. THIS VISIT IS NECESSARY AT THIS TIME TO ENSURE THAT THE CRUISE CAN TAKE PLACE AS SCHEDULED.

2. AS YET THE SOVIETS HAVE NOT AGREED TO ANY ARRANGEMENTS FOR MILLARD'S VISIT. THE SOVIETS HAVE SUGGESTED THAT MILLARD OFFICIALLY JOIN THE US GROUP PARTICIPATING IN THE CRIMEA THEORETICAL WORKSHOP AND TAKING THE YALTA POLYMODE  
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CRUISE AUGUST 17-21. MILLARD HOWEVER, DOES NOT WANT TO OFFICIALLY JOIN THIS US GROUP, SINCE HE PRESUMES THAT WOULD

REQUIRE HIM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE POST-CRUISE WORKSHOP.

FYI: WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY MILLARD FEELS HE COULD NOT LEAVE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CRUISE. HE AND SIMMONS HOWEVER, FEEL THIS MATTER SHOULD BE SPECIFICALLY BROACHED BECAUSE THE ONLY SOVIET RESPONSE TO DATE HAS BEEN THAT MILLARD JOIN THE CURRENT GROUP. END FYI.

3. THE SOVIET ORGANIZATION THAT HAS BEEN ASKED TO COORDINATE THIS VISIT IS THE SOVIET ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, SPECIFICALLY VICE-PRESIDENT SIDORENKO.

4. SIMMONS HAS REQUESTED THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS/REPLIES WITH RESPECT TO MILLARD'S VISIT (A) INVITATION TO MILLARD FROM THE ACADEMY, (B) NOTIFICATION TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN DC FOR APPROVAL OF MILLARD'S VISA REQUEST TO COVER ARRIVAL AUGUST 15 AND DEPARTURE AUGUST 23, (C) RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE ACADEMY AS TO HOW TRAVEL FROM MOSCOW TO YALTA WOULD BEST BE ARRANGED, AND (D) AN ITINERARY TO COVER MILLARD'S PROPOSED STAY. ROBINSON

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